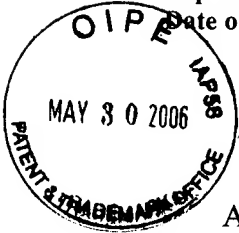


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APPLICANTS: Rothberg et al. CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 6233
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the December 29, 2005 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before May 30, 2006, as May 29, 2006 was designated as a federal holiday. A check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437, 21465-501 CIP2**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 30, 2006

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